

REMARKS

This Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 24, 2009. Consideration of the above corrected listing of claims together with the amendment previously submitted on December 2, 2008 is respectfully requested.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, it is indicated that "Currently Presented" is not a proper status indicator for the claims. The above corrected listing of claims corrects this problem in that the status indicator of "Currently Presented" has been changed to "Currently Amended" and thus the claims are now properly labeled. Further, dependent claims 3-4 and 6-17 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as beginning the dependent claims 3-4 and 6-17 with 'The' instead of 'A', and changing "characterized in that" to --wherein-- in claim 13. Such amendments to claims 3-4 and 6-17 were not made in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

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Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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